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For : PRISMATIC BATTERY MODULE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 6,304,057 to HAMADA et al., issued 16, 2001.

A copy of the U.S. patent is enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

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Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. patent applications:

09/614,769, in the name of S. HAMADA et al., entitled "BATTERY MODULE, AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY FOR CONSTITUTING THE BATTERY MODULE", filed July 12, 2000;

09/664,323, in the name of S. KARASAWA et al., entitled "ELECTRODE PLATE UNIT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR", filed September 18, 2000; and

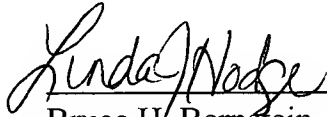
09/996,909, in the name of S. KARASAWA et al., entitled "PRISMATIC BATTERY MODULE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME", filed November 30, 2001. Copies of these applications are provided herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed co-pending application and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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